



A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS



As a force in readiness, the Marine Corps, in close partnership with the Navy, is proud of its contributions to America's forward presence and expeditionary power projection capabilities. We have long recognized that our continued success depends on our willingness and ability to prepare for, and adapt to, the ever-changing national security environment. Accordingly, as the Marine Corps is Naval by nature

and expeditionary in character, it is also transformational by design.


The Navy-Marine Corps Team has progressed from wooden ships of sail with embarked Marines to forward deployed, sea-based Naval expeditionary forces capable of operating across the full spectrum of combat. Indeed, the Marine Corps has a legacy of innovation as seen in our development of counter-insurgency tactics, close air support, amphibious warfare, vertical envelopment, STOVL aircraft technology, maritime pre-positioning, ship-to-objective maneuver, and integrated anti-terrorism capabilities.

Drawing on this heritage of transformation, the Marine Corps is continuing to move forward aggressively today in order to achieve new capabilities for our Nation to project power and influence from

the sea. We are focused on harnessing advanced technologies, new operational concepts, organizational realignments, and better business practices to give our Marine Air Ground Task Forces leap-ahead advantages and supremacy on the battlefields of tomorrow.

Concepts and Programs 2002 addresses these matters and much more. The following pages provide a review of the Corps' ongoing transformation, our capstone concept Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare, and a discussion of the Corps' major acquisition programs. In sum, for those who wish to better understand the Corps, our capabilities, and the course we have charted for the future, Concepts and Programs 2002 is an excellent resource.

Semper Fidelis,



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